#### Two Meetings.

Ah! 'twas a glorious autumn night, Full fifteen years ago; The moon and stars were shining bright Bathing the hills with mystic light, When, robed in garb of snowy white, My Ethel met me in the hall, Responsive to my pleading call.

Now, what did I, or what did she, The world shall never know. Not e'en the moon and stars could see; Of all the world most happy we. Oh! 'twas an hour of ecstacy! We pledged our loves and lives and all— When Ethel met me in the hall.

Ah! well, we met again last night ('twas rather late, I trow); Somehow, I didn't feel just right (I may have been a little tight); When, clad in robes of nightly white, My Ethel met me in the hall, And braced me up against the wall.

Now, what did I, or what did she, I'm not prepared to show; It may suffice to state that we Had quite a little jubilee; And I may add ('twixt you and me), It is with pain that I recall How Ethel met me in the hall.

#### Out of the Golden Gate.

A sea-lost isle, lone as the moon, That slepf, and scarcely knew the day, Save in the high-held middle noon; It lay a land of sleep and dreams, And clouds drew by like shoreless streams, And stretched to where no man can say.

Men sought it ever, silently, By black-built ships that seemed to creep Across the sea suspiciously, Like un-named monsters of the deep. It was the weirdest isle, 1 ween, That mortal eye has ever seen.

A dim, dark isle of savage beast, Of slimy monsters from the sea, Of piaates red with butchery; A land that scarce knew prayer or priest, Of laws of man or pature's law, Or aught that good men ever saw.

It hath a history most fit For cunning hand to fashion on; No chronicler has mentioned it: Bold buccaneer set foot upon To break the hush of mystery That wraps the lone isle of the sea. It hath a deep ship's hold of gold;

The golden cruise; the golden cross From many a ransomed city's loss; From many a foeman stark and cold; From many a church of Mexico; From Panama's mad overthrow.

#### THE HOUSEHOLD.

Egg Balls.—Two hard-boiled volks of eggs; mix with the raw volk of one egg a little flour; roll the size of a walnut.

Mock Dock .-- Take a round of beefsteak, salt and pepper it; prepare a bread stuffing and lay it on the meat; sew up and roast.

VANITIES.-Two eggs, beaten without separating, as light as possible; a tea-spoonful of salt and as much wet flour as will roll; should be pretty stiff. Take bits of the dough, not larger than a tea-spoon, roll them in the hand, dredge the board with flour, and roll as thin as possible. Fry in sweet lard.

APPLE JELLY.—Slice whole apples, cores, peel and all; cook with just enough water to cover them until reduced to a solt pulp. Take the juice and rind of four lemons; strain this pulp, not squeezing much, add the lemons, measure pint for pound with white sugar, let it boil half an hour and turn into forms.

FOR PRESERVING SMOKED MEATS. -Take ground black pepper, the finer the better; wash all the mould or soil from the ham of pork or beef, and while it is damp rub thoroughly with the pepper. Two pounds of pepper will keep thirty pounds of meat free from insects of all kinds. It can remain in the smoke-house, and not a fly will approach it. The pepper also improves the flavor.

SPARKLING GRAPE WINE.—To every gallon of grapes put three quarts | ble outlay. Provide, also, in the of water; bruise the fruit thorough- driest part of the field, a good shel- cuffs. ly; let it stand for a week without ter, both from sun and rain. A few stirring; then strain off the liquor, rails properly arranged two or three and add three pounds of powdered feet from the ground, covered with loaf sugar and cork up the vessel be- a stack of straw or coarse prairie here for ten years. It'll kill me to go lamented father. Indeed the work fore fermentation has entirely ceas- grass, will be an attactive place for into the quarries. You might as well he has done justified that conclusion. ed, as otherwise the wine will not the entire drove. sparkle: let it stand for two months and bottle it; cork well and keep in a dry cellar.

er House Rolls" are made as follows; into two quarts of flour pour one pint of boiled curd milk, with a cupful of butter melted in it; add onefourth of a cupful of sugar and half a cupful of good yeast. Let it stand animals will readily devour salt. To without mixing for two or three hours. Salt to taste. Then knead it, and set to rise in the pans again before baking. The rolls require about fifteen minutes to bake in a quick ouen.

PRESERVED PEARS.—Take six lbs. of pears to four lbs of sugar; boil the parings in as much water as will cover them; strain it through a colander: lay some pears in the bottom of the kettle, then sugar, and so on alternately; then pour the liquor of the parings over them, boil until they begin to look transparent; then take them out and let the juice cool and to two gallons of water. It will inclarify; put back the pears, add gin- crease the yield twenty-five per cent. ger, and boil until done. Then let the immediately, and the milk will be juice boil till it is reduced to a syrup. I far richer.

#### FIELD AND FARM.

#### Labor on the Farm.

Our farming operations must be carried on by labor, and to make labor successful it must be done with profit. The more labor, therefore, that can be employed the better, so that it meets this requirement, The best farmer of my acquaintance is one who employs the most labor: this in proportion to the land he occupies. He says the difficulty with many farmers is that they hire anybody, and anybody is nobody. You want as good work done as in the mechanic trades. More judgment. even, is required, and an honest purpose to carry it out. There is much no difficulty. I pay good wages, and get fair to good men, these improving under my direction or that of my best man, the improvement encouraged by increased pay and good treatment. Labor is an important part of the farm, and requires management. This will be evident when the different work of the farm is considered. In ploughing, for instance, it matters materially whether the soil is turned evenly, or "strips' are allowed, as where the land is stony or hard. These missed places are so much waste, besides favoring weeds, and the next ploughing will find them harder, lifting the plough again, or if turned by a good ploughman, break up in lumps. This is the case in reduced clay soil, and, in the aggregate, the harm is considerable, though generally unnoticed. Harm also results from the ignorant and spitsful abuse of teams, the neglect of oiling and proper treatment of machinery and implements of farming, slighting work in hoed crops, in laying tile, and particularly in the care of stock. Indeed, there is no work on the farm that may not be slighted; and in the aggregate, this tells largely, seriously reducing the profit of the farm, and sometimes entirely overbalancing it. "F. G." in New York Sun.

Planting arable land with fruit trees morning for almost a year. About to any considerable extent has al- a seek before Christmas the butcher ways been discouraged in England. missed the morning visit of the dog. Of course, fruits of various kinds are and for a whole week he did not put raised, but principally in gardens or in an appearance. On Christmas on land not adapted to grain or root morning, however, the dog trotted crops, because they were considered tinto the butcher's shop, and placing of far more importance than fruit. six small coins in the butcher's hand, For this and other reasons that pointed with his nose to a roast might be named, large orchards, such | worth just about the amount of monas seen almost everywhere in the ey offered. The animal, instead of United States, are almost unknown | buying a bone every day, had saved owners of large farms or estates dinner.' have commenced to encourage the and this, too, without raising a storm | counter, one of them remarking: of opposition as it would have done 500 acres of fruit on the farm of door. that the English press look upon he gif dot tog away.' this, not only as an innovation, but likely to be repeated on other large | Texas Siftings. estates.—N. Y. Sun.

To KEEP Hogs HEALTHY.—Keep your hogs in good, clean fields; give them access to pure water-even though you should be compelled to dig a well for that purpose; a good pump and plenty of clean troughs, cleansed every week, will cost but little and will always prove a valua-

In troughs, near by their restingplaces, two or three times each week, you may place a composition of of me." salt, soda, red pepper and ginger. Good Rolls.—The famous "Park- To four parts of the first two articles, add one part of the latter. Our common red peppers will do very well; they should, however, be well pulverized, and all the ingredients thoroughly mixed. Most healthy obtain it they will also take the alkali and the stimulant. The compound will not injure bird, beast, fish or man. It is not offered as a patent remedy, but simply as a preventive of the injurious effects of the foul gases and the pestiferous filth in which hogs have been allowed to wallow. Continue their usual summer food, whether clover, bran, meal

> YIELD OF MILK. If you desire to get a rich yield of milk, give your cows, every day, water slightly heated and salted, with a quart of bran

#### HUMOROUS.

#### Shimmelpfenig's Uncle's Dog.

Fritz Shimmelpfenig is a shrewd old German, who presides over the destinies of a grocery store on the corney of Austin Avenue and Bumble street, near the gas factory. His neighbors and customers are mostly Americans, and on Saturday evening they drop into Fritz's store. and, sitting around on the barrels and boxes, hold a kind of social caucus, at which many wild and improbable yarns are told. The other evening there seemed to be a called meeting to discuss the intelligence of dogs. Each loafer present had either owned or been personally complaint about hired laber. I have acquainted with a dog that was gifted with more intelligence than a college graduate. Some of the lies would have reflected credit on the columns of a party organ. Fritz did not attempt to interrupt the flow of mendacity, nor did he applaud some stupendous yarns that really deserved official recognition of some kind. He calmly smoked his pipe, and utes, which Fritz took advantage of

man togs vat ve have in de old coun- the shot. - Morning Star.

The audience did not agree with Fritz. They insisted that the Genman dogs born and bred under a monarchical form of government were inferjor in intellect to the free and intelligent cannings of the United States, whereupon Fritz told a story uncle, Baron von Schimmelpfenig. The Baron was in the habit of giving the plog a small coin every marning. The intelligent brute was in the habit of taking the coin to the butcher, and receiving in return a FRUIT FARMING IN ENGLAND.— bone, which constituted the dog's breakfast. This happened every in Great Britain. In the past few up his money for a whole week, and

planting of large orchards as a American friends with a perfectly ble land that was in want of tenants. ence slid off the barrels and the ized.

"It's no use trying to compete a few years ago. We note one in- with an imported liar. He is old stance, as reported in an English Munchausen himself, or whatever contemporary, of the planting of his name is." They moved to the

Lord Ludely, in Gloucestershire, and "I vash so sorry about dat tog. if the experiment is a success, he Detogs in Schermany vas so schmart proposes to extend the orchard con- dat dot tog stood no show. If he siderably. He has already planted | had been schmart like de older togs over 42,000 plum trees and 18,000 in Schermany he would have bought apples; also, 340,000 black currents | dot meat on credit and given hish and gooseberries. It is no wonder note for de amount, so mine uncle

"That'll, do Fritz; that'll do."-

Too HANDY WITH A PEN.-Ex-Senator Thomas J. Creamer tells a good story of the palmy days when the Hon. Paddy Burns was a Deputy Sheriff. He was frequently detailed to take convicted prisoners to Sing Sing Prison. One day, as he approached the entrance, a mild-mannered all classes of our citizens, without prisoner held out a pair of small white respect to party affiliations, will dehands chained together with hand- plore it-for it was hoped and antici-

cents, "look at those hands. They fame no less substantial and merited Solid Silver Forks, will be no good in the quarries. I'm than that so deservedly won by his put a titled lady in a laundry."

"Ah, be aisy now" said Paddy. You talk so much you twisht the eye

"I've a hundred dollar bill in my vest pocket, and-" "Whisper, whisper," broke in Paddy with sudden interest.

"It's my last hundred dollars," the prisoner continued in a low tone, "and it's yours if you'll only keep me out of the quarries."

"Any light work," was the reply. "Cant you get me something easy?"

"Well-now-I don't know. Are ve handy wid a pin?" "Handy with a pen!" repeated the captive with sudden energy. "Heavens, man, I'm too handy. That's what I'm here for."

"MELINDA, I don't like the looks of that lover of yours," "Why, papa, dear?" I don't think he's possessed of staying qualities." "Papa, then his looks deceive you awfully. He's superabundantly blessed with staying qualities. Why, he'd stay to breakfast if I'd let him."

Republican party must go. -- Danna. \ ton Star.

#### GFNERAL INTELLIGEENCE

Col A. M. Waddell arrived here from Warm Springs yesterday morning. He will return to the springs for his family in a few days and bring them to Charlotte to locate for the winter.—Charlotte Journal Observer.

The army worm is beginning to be heard from in every direction. Mr. Charlie Mallett, of Riverdale, was in the city yesterday and reports that they have cleaned off a fourteen acre field for him. They are early enough to inju-e the young bolls.— Newbern Journal.

On last Monday the large two-story dwelling, occupied by Mr. E. D. Patterson, near Lockville, was entirely consumed by fire, which originated from a spark from the chimney catching the roof. The day was very windy and the flames spread with great rapidity. Most of the furniture was saved. This was one of the best dwellings in the county. Pittshorn Kerord.

A SHOT FIRED INTO A PASSENGER seemed to be happy as a clam at COACH.—Some person fired a shot at high water. After the gentlemen a passenger train on the Carolina had become somewhat exhausted, Central Rail Road, Thursday last, there was a silence for a few min- near "Stouts," eighteen miles east of Charlotte. The ball entered a window of the passenger coach "I subbose you dinks dose Ameri-can togs vas schmart, but dose togs on the opposite side. The railroad must go to school some times yet company offers a reward for the debefore dey come up mit dose Sher- tectiom of the miscreant who fired

President Snow, of the new railroad, has returned from the North, where he purchased iron, two locomotives and twenty cars, and will begin track-laving at once. The Winston & Favetteville Bailroad Company is putting up a saw mill near New Market, -- It is highly about a dog once owned by Fritz's probable, if not certain, that Randolph will have two railroads by the first day of September, 1884.—Ashehara t univer.

Mr. Holden ought to be allowed to die with the forgiveness of all individuals for private injuries; but the State must hold her honor so high that her punishment for disregarding it shall be lasting. The willingness of some men to remove his disabilities does credit to their hearts, but hardly to their judgment or the dignity to the Commonwealth .- Raleigh State Chronicle.

PIET FOR LATHAM.—The Tarboro Southerner says that the Democratic convention of Pitt County met Wednesday. Col. Harry Skinner sounded the key note of the campaign in a splendid speech. Joseph J. Laughyears, however, it appears that the invested it in a square Christmas inghouse was chosen chairman, and L. V. Morrill and J. R. Whichard, Such was the story Fritz told his secretaries. Maj. Latham was endorsed. A new executive committee means of profitably employing ara- straight face. One by one his audi- was appointed and the party organ-

RESIGNATION OF JUDGE RUFFIN.— Our readers will share in our regret that ill health has caused Hon. Thos. Ruffin to tender his resignation as an associate Justice of the Supreme Court. About two years since Judge Dillard was impelled by failing constantly received at health to retire from the benchand Judge Ruffin was appointed to succeed him. The wisdom of Gov. Jarvis' selection was unanimously approved by the convention of 1882, and at the ensuing election Judge Ruffin was retained on the bench by his fellow citizens who expressed their preference by giving him a large majority of the popular vote. And now, after a service of but two vears, he like Judge Dillard has been forced to seek relief from the exacting duties of the court. His retirement will be universally regretted. We think we may safely say that pated that an extended service on the "Sheriff," he said, in pitiful ac- bench would have secured him a We trust, now that he is to be freed from the onerous duties of his office, that his health will become more robust and he will again illustrate in public life his rare learning and and those manly virtues that adorn his character.—Ral. News and Ob-

THE CAROLINA CENTRAL.—The Carolina Central Railroad Company have purchased from Col. F. W. "What can ye do now?" Paddy in- Kerchner the fine brick building .. on Front street, now occupied by Mrs. Morrison. After making alterations and repairs, it will be used for offices of the Company. This purchase disposes of the rumor, which has several times been in circulation since the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company bought a controlling interest in the Carolina Central, that the offices of the Company woldd be removed to Raleigh.

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